

CATTLE DISEASES (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 21 March 1873;—for,

RETURN "of all CASES of PLEURO-PNEUMONIA, FOOT AND MOUTH DISTEMPER, SHEEP POX, and SCAB, which occurred in *Ireland* in the Years 1871 and 1872; distinguishing those Cases which were reported by the Owners from those which were discovered by other Means, and, in the latter Cases, the Number of Prosecutions instituted, with the Result."

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE.

RETURN of all CASES of PLEURO-PNEUMONIA, FOOT AND MOUTH DISTEMPER, SHEEP POX, and SHEEP SCAB, which were officially reported to the VETERINARY DEPARTMENT as having occurred in *Ireland* in the Years 1871 and 1872 respectively; distinguishing those Cases which were reported by the Owners from those discovered by other Means, and, in the latter Cases, the Number of Prosecutions instituted, with the Result.

Years.	Cases reported by the Owners.				Cases discovered by other Means.				Total.				Prosecutions.		Amount of Fines Levied.
	Pleuro-pneumonia.	Foot and Mouth.	Sheep Pox.	Sheep Scab.	Pleuro-pneumonia.	Foot and Mouth.	Sheep Pox.	Sheep Scab.	Pleuro-pneumonia.	Foot and Mouth.	Sheep Pox.	Sheep Scab.	Cattle Diseases.	Fine Levied.	
1871 -	807	200,441	none	none	20	4,243	none	none	1,030	204,784	none	none	120	120	£. s. d. 06 10 2
1872 -	1,366	214,029	none	1,020	50	1,899	none	107	1,441	215,927	none	1,765	145	145	£20 4 5

NOTE 1.—The Council Order, requiring sheep scab to be reported, did not come into force until the 26th May 1872.

" 2.—The reason of there being such a difference between the number of cases not reported and the number of prosecutions, is that frequently a great number of affected animals were involved in but one offence.

" 3.—The prosecutions relate only to the offence of not reporting the disease in compliance with Council Orders.

" 4.—In the year 1871 there were 25,801 farms, lands, premises, or places under restrictions in Ireland as infected districts, in consequence of having, or having had thereon, infectious or contagious diseases. In the year 1872 the number of farms, lands, premises, or places under restrictions as infected districts for a similar cause were 15,661.

13 April 1873.

Hugh Ferguson.